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Date: JANUARY 4, 1971

TO: RECIFE 3831
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FOR: DONOR LION
(NAME OF PERSON)

FROM: AMBASSADOR ROUNTREE
(NAME OF PERSON)

**FOLLOWING LETTER BEING SENT VIA SAVACALL DUE TO LACK OF
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QUOTE
I am writing to visit the Northeast as soon as
practicable to do so, I have not concluded that
I would not come during January as I have previously
planned. The date of departure will be decided by
favoring a visit after March 15. I am now
planning on coming the second half of the month.

UNQUOTE

The schedule which you indicated would be fully accepted
this to go, and would embrace all the thoughts I had on
the subject. I am inclined to agree with you that I
should not spend too much time in any one place,
although it is very desirable to make a single call
without offending others I would like to do so.

ROUNTREE

I would like to have you scheduled during the same week
and your suggestion also of going on purposeless, at least
for a few hours, is appealing. This would depend in part
on how much time I can devote to the trip, and I will be
letting you know more about this at a later date.

The suggestions which you made concerning my wife will
be fine. She does enjoy golf and will plan to bring
her clubs with her. Good. From there, and participation
in any social functions which it would be desirable for
her to attend. Her main interest would be in sightseeing.
I will be prepared to call on wives of
any in appropriate.

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I would leave this matter largely up to you and the Pernambuco authorities. I am sure they will take whatever measures are practicable. I probably would be bringing a single federal security plane, as is usually done in the place must be diverted for weather or other reasons.

Dear Donor:

when the program is decided upon and the timing set. I will, of course, inform the Foreign Office and they may have suggestions on security aspects as well as things which I might do.

Although I am anxious to visit the Northeast as soon as it is practicable to do so, I have now concluded that I should not come during January as tentatively planned at one time. The considerations which you mention as favoring a visit after March 15 prevail. Thus I am now planning on coming the second half of March.

With kindest personal regards,
The schedule which you indicated would be fully acceptable to me, and would embrace all the thoughts I had on the subject. I am inclined to agree with you that I should not spend too much time calling on military, although if it were possible to make a single call without offending others I would like to do so.

I would plan to take in Salvador during the same tour, and your suggestion also of going to Fortaleza, at least for a few hours, is appealing. This would depend in part on how much time I can devote to the trip, and I will be letting you know more about this at a later date.

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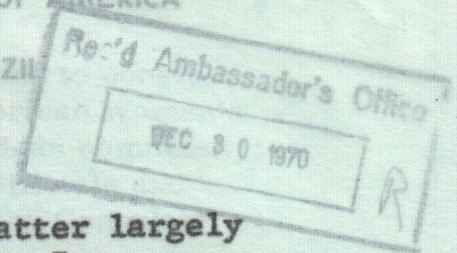
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Northern Area Office

Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil



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Honorable
William M. Rountree

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Again, many thanks for your thoughtful letter. I will be in touch with you again on the subject as my plans clarify. details of your schedule, let me mention a few considerations.

With kindest personal regards,

As you would surmise, calls on the Governor and Mayor fall in the obligatory category, **Sincerely,** being desirable. Also, the custom has developed for Ambassadors (and other very high level dignitaries) to call on the heads of the two newspapers here. It would be sensible, I think, to follow that custom.

William M. Rountree

Because of our interest and significant development work, a call on the SUDENE Superintendent seems indicated and I would also recommend a meeting with the Director of GERAN.

Representatives of the Brazilian-American Chamber of Commerce (Recife Branch) have mentioned to me their wish to have a session with you along the lines they said you held with the Chamber in the south. You also might like to have a quick look at Recife's industrial development surge (several new and impressive factories are 20-40 minutes from town) and/or a visit to the sugar area. (These can be combined in a two-hour round trip.)

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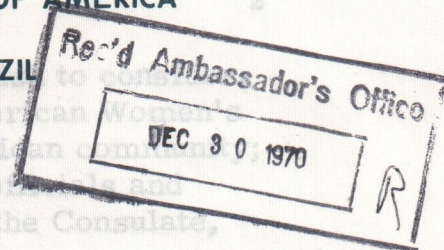


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Northeast Area Office

Recife, Pernambuco, Brazil



December 29, 1970

OFFICIAL - INFORMAL

The Honorable
William M. Rountree
American Embassy
Brasilia, Brazil

Dear Mr. Ambassador:

Liz and I are looking forward to your and Mrs. Rountree's visit with much pleasure. To assist you in settling some of the details of your schedule, let me mention a few considerations.

As you would surmise, calls on the Governor and Mayor fall in the obligatory category, as well as being desirable. Also, the custom has developed for Ambassadors (and other very high level dignitaries) to call on the heads of the two newspapers here. It would be sensible, I think, to follow that custom.

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Afternoon

Meet with other Brazilians, sight-see, take advantage of a superb beach, rest, etc.

Evening

Reception at Residence or at American School

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There are other possibilities which you may wish to consider. For example: a reception arranged by the American Women's Club at the American School to meet the American community; a reception at our home mostly for Brazilian officials and leading local citizens; and, a walk-through of the Consulate, USAID, USIS, and Peace Corps offices.

A sample schedule might run as follows (assuming two-three days):

Arrival in evening. Stay at our home.

FIRST DAY:

Morning

Briefing

Calls on Governor and Mayor

Visit to SUDENE

Visit one Newspaper

Lunch with Chamber

Afternoon

Visit to GERAN

Visit other Newspaper

Drive past industrial district and to sugar zone (if you are interested in seeing a sugar mill, that can be easily arranged)

Evening

Reception at Residence for Brazilian notables or at American School to meet American Community

SECOND DAY:

Morning

Visit USG buildings and staff

Visit with person or persons you'd like to meet--for example, Gilberto Freyre, Aristóphanes Pereira (head of the State Development Bank) Peace Corps Volunteers

Lunch with senior USG staff or small group of Brazilians

Afternoon

Meet with other Brazilians, sight-see, take advantage of a superb beach, rest, etc.

Evening

Reception at Residence or at American School

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THIRD DAY:

important, if not decisive say on how your security is
proDeparture

With best regards,

There are all sorts of alternatives, of course. For example, if you arrived in the late afternoon or very early evening, one of the receptions could be held that first day, and you could leave in the afternoon of the third day. You may also wish to take in Fortaleza, less than two hours away by air.

I don't know what your thoughts are concerning calls on the commanders of the three military branches here. The Fourth Army General is rather important, as you know. But if you visit with one, it would be courteous to call on all three, a time-consuming operation. I would suggest not making these calls, but inviting them to your reception. (Ambassador Elbrick followed that procedure.)

We expect and would be pleased to arrange a program for Mrs. Rountree, including golf, which, if I recall, you mentioned she thoroughly enjoyed.

As to timing, there are good reasons to come in January and other good ones to delay your visit. On the one hand, having visited elsewhere, it would be fitting to come up to the Northeast as soon as convenient. On the other hand, the new Governor, probably the new Mayor, and certainly a new SUDENE Superintendent will be on hand after March 15. I had suggested we time a loan signing in Recife with your visit. This might also be a factor, but at the moment, I don't know when the sewer loan will be ready.

At your convenience, we'd appreciate knowing of your wishes and preferences, and those of Mrs. Rountree. If you think it would be useful, I would, of course, come to Brasilia to discuss this with you. We should know, also, what security arrangements you consider appropriate. However, Pernambuco is very thorough and rather competent in these matters and will wish to have an

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important, if not decisive say on how your security is provided for.

With best regards,

Sincerely,

Donor

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